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U.S. Representative Istook Earns “Small Business Champion” Award

Washington, D.C. – The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council (SBE Council), a nonpartisan small business advocacy organization, tallies up and publishes an annual scorecard of congressional votes to report on how each member of Congress voted on issues important to entrepreneurs and the small business community.

SBE Council President & CEO Karen Kerrigan observed: “Small business owners and entrepreneurs, of course, are the backbone of the U.S. economy in terms of job creation, innovation, and pushing economic growth forward. While most politicians talk favorably about small businesses, U.S. Representative Istook actually voted in favor of their key issues during the first session of the 109th Congress, and therefore earned SBE Council’s ‘Small Business Champion Award.’”

SBE Council chief economist Raymond J. Keating added: “The best policy environment for entrepreneurship and small business is one where the tax burden is low and regulations are not burdensome. That agenda, which will help keep our small business and entrepreneurial sector strong and competitive, is reflected in the votes included in ‘SBE Council’s Congressional Voting Scorecard: First Session, 109th Congress.’”

Members of the U.S. Senate were scored on 23 votes, as were members of the U.S. House of Representatives. “SBE Council’s Congressional Voting Scorecard” can be viewed and downloaded from SBE Council’s website at www.sbecouncil.org.

For more than ten years the SBE Council, has been working to protect small business and promote entrepreneurship. For more information, please visit the website at www.sbecouncil.org.

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